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HOUSE MEMORIAL 62

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO INSTRUCT THE HOUSE CHIEF CLERK TO POST RESULTS OF HOUSE ROLL-CALL VOTES ON THE LEGISLATIVE WEB SITE.

WHEREAS, elected officials are well aware that the public has placed a priority on transparency and accountability in government; and

WHEREAS, knowing how a legislator voted is critical to being able to evaluate the legislator and hold the legislator accountable; and

WHEREAS, even so, the only way that the public, at present, can find out the results of floor votes by a roll call is to wait until after the session when the journal becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the senate already posts the results of its roll-

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1 call votes immediately on the legislative web site; and

2 WHEREAS, there is no technical impediment to the house of
3 representatives doing the same thing by making votes instantly
4 available when they are made on the floor subject to a call of
5 the roll;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
8 legislative council be requested to instruct the house chief
9 clerk to post results of house roll-call votes on the
10 legislative web site; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
13 council and to the house chief clerk.